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**ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

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The Advanced Research Projects Agency has, since the fall of 1959, been engaged in Project VELA - a research and development program on techniques and systems for the detection of nuclear detonations underground and in space. This project has direct application to the Geneva nuclear test ban negotiations, and to the extension of the present capability of the United States to detect and evaluate nuclear detonations.

A Project VELA Orientation will be held in the Pentagon, Room 3E-869, Monday, 3 October, 0900 to 1130. This Orientation will acquaint key individuals from the interested Government organizations with the history and objectives of Project VELA, and with its management, funding, scheduling and general technical aspects. A tentative agenda and a list of invitees are attached. (A VELA Technical Symposium will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 and 5 October for the technical and scientific people. Invitations and agenda for this are being sent out separately.)

You are cordially invited to designate a representative from your office to attend the Orientation on 3 October. It will be most helpful if the name of the individual planning to attend is provided to this office at the earliest opportunity. A certification of clearance for SECRET is required. This should be forwarded to the Security Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington 25, D. C., no later than 23 September 1960.

Sincerely yours,

Signed - A. W. Betts

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Agenda  
List of Invitees

A. W. Betts  
Brig. General, USA  
Director

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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GEN. A. W. BETTS, ARPA

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